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1. MAY 29 EDITION OF MASS CIRCULATION HURRIYET CARRIES ARTICLE DATELINED BRUSSELS SUGGESTING HARDENING TURKISH POSITION ON LIFTING OF U.S. ARMS EMBARGO AND POSSIBLE TURKISH RETALIATORY MEASURES. ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY CUNEYT ARCAYUREK, KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL.

2. ACCORDING TO ARCAYUREK, DEMIREL, WHO HAD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH COALITION PARTNERS BEFORE LEAVING TURKEY, WILL TELL PRESIDENT FORD CATEGORICALLY THAT CONTINUATION OF ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY WILL DESTROY TURKISH-AMERICAN
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RELATIONS AND "TURKEY WILL NOT REMAIN PASSIVE ABOUT THIS

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UNILATERAL AND UNJUST DECISION." ALTHOUGH TURKEY HAS DECIDED WHAT STEPS TO TAKE, DEMIREL WILL NOT TELL THE PRESIDENT OF THOSE STEPS BUT WILL SIMPLY EXRESS "DETERMINATION AND IMPATIENCE." PERIOD OF COUNTERMEASURES, ARCAYUREK WRITES, WILL BEGIN WHEN DEMIREL RETURNS TO ANKARA.

3. ARCAYUREK SAYS AN OFFICIAL, WHEN ASKED IF TURKEY WOULD WAIT UNTIL JULY WHEN THE U.S. SAYS IT WILL BRING UP THE EMBARGO QUESTION IN THE HOUSE, ANSWERED WITH A FIRM, "NO." ARCAYUREK ARTICLE MENTIONS POSSIBLE TURKISH COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST U.S., INCLUDING A "COUNTER EMBARGO," DEFINED AS THE ABROGATION OF SOME OF THE 55 U.S.-TURKISH BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. HE ALSO MENTIONS SUSPENDING ACTIVITIES AT DIYARBAKIR AND KARAMURSEL UNTIL THE U.S. EMBARGO IS LIFTED. SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES AT INCIRLIK, HE WRITES, WAS ALSO CONSIDERED BUT APPARENTLY REJECTED BECAUSE THEY COME UNDER NATO AND BECAUSE THERE ARE MORE THAN 16 NUCLEAR-ARMED F-4 PHANTOMS THERE CONSTANTLY READY FOR TAKEOFF.
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